



University of Massachusetts
Laboratory Safety Coordinators Committee
Minutes of March 3, 2010 Meeting
Draper Hall 102

Present: Jean Alamed, Phyllis Berman, Fran Caron, Marvin Ellin, Jim Hanchett, Sally Ives, Young-Cheul Kim, Becky Lawlor, Al Rakouskas, Cole Tucker, Sherry Webb-Yagodzinski, Julie Woods, Betsy Blunt, Yung Morgan, Maureen O'Leary, Sondra Slesinski.

Absent: Harry Bermudez, Barry Braun, Dennis Bruffee, Michael Cottom, Gary Czupkiewicz, Andy Danylchuk, Marvin Ellin, Ron Grosslein, Erika Hamilton, Agnes Lacreuse, Lew Louraine, Francis Merrigan, Julie Pahl, Tony Papirio, Steven Persch, Jane Plaza, Elaine Batista Nogueira, Andrew Whiteley, Ruth Witkowsky, Martha Sylvia, Joy Ward.

Meeting Start: 9:30

Meeting End: 10:30

1. Mike Swain, EH&S Fire Prevention Services Supervisor spoke to the Laboratory Safety Coordinators about fire safety on campus. He reviewed specific aspects of the recent laboratory in a Conte fume hood. Mike also discussed several points about fire safety.
2. Fire Safety points to remember are:
 - The exit signs are the path of travel for egress.
 - The Fire Alarm pull station is located near the entrance of an exit.
 - When the fire alarm is pulled the whole building is notified, 911 is called, this goes to UMass Police Department and the Amherst Fire Department.
 - In new buildings, Pull Stations are within 5 feet of the exit door and sometimes at the entrance to an exit.
 - If the door has a self closure it should be closed at all times
 - A wedge in the door to hold it open is one of the worst things you can do.
 - Even if it is a small fire and you have extinguished it, you should call the fire department to be sure that the fire is out.
3. Maureen O'Leary discussed Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) connections in Biosafety cabinets (BSC). All new construction and renovation on the UMass Amherst campus does not allow Natural or Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) plumbing to be installed in any BSC.

4. The following instructions are posted above most fire alarm pull stations. These are general instructions to communicate to all of the building occupants during your group research and safety meetings.

IN CASE OF A FIRE

- 1. Close All Doors to Fire Area**
- 2. Activate Building Fire Alarm System**
- 3. Evacuate Building**
- 4. Report Fire – call 911**

LEARN

All Exit Routes from this Area
Operation and Location of Fire Extinguishers
Location of Fire Alarm Pull Stations

EXIT VIA STAIRS, NEVER THE ELEVATOR

There should be a predetermined location for the building occupants to meet and remain there until further notice.